



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: December 20, 2022

DATE: Thursday, December 15, 2022

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve allocations of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds through the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) for the following projects:

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And, if approved, direction to the Comptroller's Office to make necessary net zero cross-fund and cross-functional budget appropriation transfers. Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.) **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

SUMMARY

The allocations being considered include one amendment to an existing ARPA-SLFRF funded project and one new project to purchase a former behavioral health facility. The total amount being consider is \$7,950,000 of Washoe County's State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Economic Impact, Vulnerable Populations, Innovative Services

AGENDA ITEM # _____

PREVIOUS ACTION

On, December 13, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) approved allocations of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for the following projects: An amended allocation for Public Defender Staffing in a total amount of \$2,826,746, an award increase of \$1,585,892; an allocation to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AHTF) in the amount of \$2,060,000; an allocation to Washoe County Human Resources Organizational Effectiveness Division in the amount of \$500,000 to support a County-wide Civil Rights and Equity Engagement to support the County in compliance with federal, state, and local accessibility laws; and

Subgrants to non-profit organizations of ARPA-SLFRF through the Washoe County Community Reinvestment Grant Program in the amount of \$3,360,078.00 for the following 11 subgrants, to the following organizations: Note-Able Music Therapy Services in the amount of \$255,506; Food Bank of Northern Nevada – Community Solutions to Hunger Relief and Food Insecurity in Northern Nevada in the amount of \$110,550; Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada – Workforce Development Program in the amount of \$483, Domestic Violence Resource Center in the amount of \$97,130; Nevada Legal Services – Holistic Law Project for Homeless and Low-income Residents of Washoe County; Communities In Schools of Nevada – Integrated Student Supports in Washoe County in the amount of \$740; High Sierra Area Health Education Center in the amount of \$323,750; The Life Change Center in the amount of \$568,042; ReDirect Youth Outreach; The Empowerment Center in recovery; Northern Nevada Literacy in the amount of \$345,485.

On October 25, 2022, the BCC approved two projects to support General Improvement Districts. Incline Village GID (#41) received a subgrant of \$250,000 to support construction of additional skate park equipment and concrete. Gerlach General Improvement District (GGID) (#54) was provided support in the amount of \$250,000 by commissioning an affordable housing study and plan for an 18-acre parcel owned by the GGID. Additionally, the BCC approved 12 nonprofit subgrants in the amount of \$1,021,113.13 through the Community Reinvestment Grant Program. Nonprofits supported included (Projects #42-53): Options Veterinary Care, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northern Nevada, Community Foundation of Northern Nevada, Project Discovery, Friends of Black Rock High Rock, Tu Casa Latina, Incline Education Fund, Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, Rebuilding Together Northern Nevada, Sierra Nevada Journeys, Terry Lee Wells Nevada Discovery Museum (The Discovery), and Community Services Agency.

On October 11, 2022, the BCC approved construction of two National Fitness Courts for \$312,000 in match funds to Renown's \$100,000 grant to Washoe County to install outdoor community fitness equipment.

For Board of County Commissioner actions related to the American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund and Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds prior to October 11, 2022 visit the [Washoe ARPA webpage](#).

BACKGROUND

On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act was signed into law, and established the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. Washoe County has been awarded a grant of \$91,587,038 in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF). The SLFRF provide a substantial infusion of resources to help turn the tide on the pandemic, address its economic fallout, and lay the foundation for a strong and equitable recovery.

Eligible Uses

As a recipient of an SLFRF award, Washoe County has substantial discretion to use the award funds in the ways that best suit the needs of county constituents – as long as such use fits into one of the following four statutory categories:

1. To respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency or its negative economic impacts;
2. To respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers of the recipient that are performing such essential work, or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who perform essential work;
3. For the provision of government services, to the extent of the reduction in revenue of such recipient due to the COVID–19 public health emergency, relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the recipient prior to the emergency; or
4. To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

ARPA-SLFRF Award Amendment

Office of the County Manager – Housing and Homeless Services			
Project #2	Washoe County Cares Campus Capital	\$21,468,706 Includes \$4,000,000 approved by BCC 7-20-21	Approved 12/14/21
Description:	The Nevada Cares Campus is a dynamic project in our region. There are significant property improvements needed to achieve the overall goals of the campus. This includes landscaping, bathrooms, showers, laundry, pet facilities and the addition of a serving kitchen/cafeteria, case management/training space and the construction of 50 units of bridge housing, and other site improvements/redesigns. The identified amount represents the commitment from the Board of County Commissioners in the Homeless Services Interlocal Agreement for this project.		
Positions:	None		
Category:	2.16: Long-term Housing Security: Services for Unhoused Persons		

Office of the County Manager – Housing and Homeless Services			
Requested Amendment	Washoe County Cares Campus Capital	\$3,150,000	Approval Recommended
Description:	<p>The Nevada Cares Campus Construction budget includes \$6,000,000 in funding from the Cares Campus capital campaign, which remains currently in development. Of the \$6,000,000 budgeted from fundraising, \$3,000,000 has been raised. This \$3,000,000 in ARPA funds allows for Washoe County to be able to go out to bid on schedule for Phase III of the Campus.</p> <p>Phase III of the Cares Campus expansion includes: The Services Building for case management, welcome center, security check point, nurses’ station, break room, warming kitchen, indoor and outdoor dining facilities, and security offices. As well as site work, landscaping, fencing, roadway and parking lots, and utilities infrastructure, a remodel of exiting storage building to include a 9,000 square foot Resource Center with capacity of overflow sleeping provisions, restroom, shower and laundry facilities, storage and facilities management space, fencing, and parking.</p> <p>The additional \$150,000 is needed to provide additional contingency funds for Phase II of the Cares Campus expansion currently underway due to multiple additional expenses identified during the construction phase including: a temporary warming tent and utilities for food service, extensive structural and engineering improvements for the partition walls in the existing sprung structure, and electrical raceway system for electrical, data, security and fire communications, and additional security card access.</p>		
Category:	2.16: Long-term Housing Security: Services for Unhoused Persons		
Total Project Costs Funded by SLFRF	\$24,618,706		

New ARPA-SLFRF Award:

Office of the County Manager – Housing and Homeless Services			
Project #68	Real Property Purchase - 1240 9 th Street	\$4,800,000	Recommend Approval
Description:	<p>This project will fund the purchase of real property at 1240 9th Street (formerly used by West Hills). The intended use of the building is the provision of behavioral health services and supports by Washoe County and County related agencies.</p>		
Positions:	None		
Category:	1.14: Other Public Health Services^		

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board approve projects as submitted, the FY23 SLFRF COVID Recovery Fund (Fund 270, Fund Center 270-8) and Capital Improvement Fund (Fund 402, Fund Center 402-101) budgets will be adjusted with the following cross-fund and cross-functional net-zero appropriation transfers:

Project #2 Amendment: Cares Campus Capital

Fund/Function	Cost Object & Description	G/L Account & Description	Amount
	Revenue:		
Other Restricted Fund (270)/General Government	CC 270800 – SLFRF - General Government	431100-Federal Grants	(\$3,150,000)
Other Restricted Fund (270) Welfare	IO11907 OCM-SLFRF-Cares Campus	431100-Federal Grants	\$3,150,000
	Expenditures:		
Other Restricted Fund (270)/General Government	CC 270800 – SLFRF - General Government	710500 – Other Expense	(\$3,150,000)
Other Restricted Fund (270) Welfare	IO11907 OCM-SLFRF-Cares Campus	814092 - Transfer to Public Works Construction	\$3,150,000
Capital Improvements Fund (402) Welfare	PW920715 Nevada Cares Campus - SLFRF	622270 –TF Other Restricted	\$3,150,000
Capital Improvements Fund (402) Welfare	PW920715 Nevada Cares Campus - SLFRF	781080 – Construction Contracts	\$3,150,000

Project #68: Purchase 1240 E. 9th Street

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	Revenue:		
Other Restricted Fund (270)/General Government	CC 270800 – SLFRF - General Government	431100-Federal Grants	(\$4,800,000)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/Health and Sanitation	IO19138 – Purchase Real Property at 1240 9 th Street	431100-Federal Grants	\$4,800,000
	Expenditures/Transfers:		

Other Restricted Fund (270)/General Government	CC 270800 – SLFRF – Health and Sanitation	710500-Other Expense	(\$4,800,000)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/Health and Sanitation	IO19138 – Purchase Real Property at 1240 9 th Street	814092 - Transfer to Public Works Construction	\$4,800,000
Capital Improvements Fund (402) Health and Sanitation	PW920602 Purchase Real Property at 1240 9 th Street	622270 –TF Other Restricted	\$4,800,000
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RECOMMENDATION

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POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff’s recommendation, a possible motion would be: *“move to approve allocations of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) for the following projects:*

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